(b) if so, whether the National Power Transmission Corporation has started functioning;

(c) if not, the time by which it is likely to function; and

(d) the number of employees appointed in this Institution category-wise (Ist, IInd, IIIrd and IVth class) upto January 1992 and the details of the expenditure incurred on the Institution including the salaries of the employees, month–wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The National Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (NPTC) was incorporated on 23rd October, 1989, under the Companies Act, 1956, with an authorised share capital of Rs. 5000 crores to undertake the programme of laying the transmission system and associated sub–stations in a coordinated and efficient manner with a view to move large blocks of power from various generating sources under the central sector to the load centres within the region as well as across the regions with reliability, security and economy. NPTC would help in reducing in transmission losses to some extent. The Management of the Transmission work of NPTC, NHPC and NEEPCO have been taken over by NPTC for the purpose of operation, maintenance, construction, planning etc.

(d) The class–wise details of employees in NPTC upto January, 1992 is as under:–

Ist Class	1078
IInd Class	566
IIIrd Class	2836
IVth Class	659

The expenditure incurred on the NPTC during 1991–92 (upto January, 1992) including the salaries of the employees month–wise is as follows:–

Month	*Rs. in Lakhs*
April, 1991	398
May, 1991	407
June, 1991	417
July, 1991	433
August, 1991	458
September, 1991	1428
October, 1991	809
November, 1991	791
December, 1991	1098
January, 1992	3551

Setting up of New Airports During Eighth Plan

1966. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA. Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new airports proposed to be set up in the Eighth Five Year Plan, and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when Ajmer is likely to be airlinked?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Since the size of the 8th Plan is yet to be finalised details have not been firmed up. There is no proposal to

construct an airport at Ajmer during the Eighth Plan period.

[*English*]

Modernisation of Food Processing Industry

1967 SHRI PRAKASH V PATIL
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT
SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to modern food processing industry in the country of make it high technology sector,

(b) if so, the details of the steps Government propose to take in this regard,

(c) whether the export target of processed foods would be achieved, and

(d) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) This Ministry had formulated developmental plan schemes for implementation since 1990–91 These schemes include those for assistance to State Governments/ Corporations/Cooperative undertakings for setting up new integrated fruit & vegetable processing units as also assistance for modernisation, diversification & expansion etc of the existing units, schemes for Research & Development and technology upgradation, schemes for modernisation in grain million sector, etc These schemes are being implemented during the current financial year also

(c) and (d). This Ministry does not fix any export target However, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has fixed a target of export of processed fruits and food products worth Rs. 107 crores, animal products worth Rs 196 crores and other processed foods worth Rs 168 crores in the current year As per the information given by APEDA these targets are likely to be achieved

Sarapadi Barrage Hydro–Electric Project in Karnataka

1968 SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have received a proposal from Karnataka Government for clearance of the Sarapadi Barrage Hydro–Electric Project with the assistance of the OECF, Japan and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) (a) and (b) The Sarapadi Barrage Hydro–electric Project (3x30 MW) was accorded techno–economic clearance by Central Electricity Authority subject to environment clearance for both generation and transmission portions of the project and forest clearance for transmission portion by Ministry of Environment and Forests The project will be recommended for investment approval by Planning Commission after the project receives clearance from environment angle Although the projects was recommended to Department of Economic Affairs for OECF assistance, it has not been included in the list prepared by that Department for possible OECF assistance in 1992 package